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APPLICANT: Laddie L. James TITLE: Improved Tack Spraying Apparatus

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE APPEAL

The Honorable Commissioner of
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P.O. Box 2327
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Dear Sir:

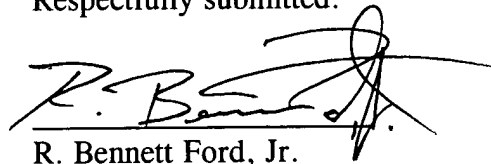
This is in response to the examiner's communication mailed February 14, 2003, requiring a response within thirty (30) days. This response is believed to be timely filed; however, if any extension is required, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider this a petition therefor. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response; however, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the same to deposit account number 18-2210.

The examiner has indicated that the appeal is defective because the applicant failed to include three copies of the appellate brief. In response, the applicant is submitting herewith, three copies of the brief and appendix originally filed on December 3, 2002. No new original is believed to be required, and accordingly, none is submitted herewith. However, if a new original is required, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney, and a new

original will be forthcoming.

These submissions are believed to place the applicant's appeal in compliance with all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.192, and consideration of the appeal on its merits is hereby requested. However, if any further matters remain which the examiner believes may be resolved by teleconference, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Bennett Ford, Jr.", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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